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## "Criminal Sexual Abuse Forum" Enhances Coordination Efforts



**Bexar County Criminal District Attorney Sam Millsap (r) shares his views, as Assistant Criminal DA, Ronald Mendoza awaits his opportunity to speak.**

A Violent Act involving sexual abuse or rape may leave a victim with a feeling of alienation and a sense of being violated. Add to this the rigors of physical examination, repetitive questioning and the often lengthy judicial process that follows the criminal act, and one can understand why the trauma of such an experience leaves permanent and devastating impressions. Realizing the need to address the problems and issues in the system dealing with these victims, AACOG coordinated a "Criminal Sexual Abuse Forum" to discuss the procedural and operational coordination of activities of each of the various agencies having responsibility in this crucial area.

Since the successful investigation and prosecution of these crimes often depends on the key actors involved in obtaining evidence and dealing with the victims, participants were eager to gather to discuss the issues. Participants in the forum included representatives from the Bexar County Medical Society, Bexar County Sheriff's Department, San Antonio Police Department, Bexar County District Attorney's Office, Bexar County Medical Center Hospital, UT Health Science Center, Texas Department of Human Resources, Universal City Police Department, Alamo Area Rape Crisis Center, San Antonio ISD, Community Guidance Center, Family Services Association of San Antonio, AACOG, as well as private medical practitioners.

Agenda items were submitted prior to the forum by the participants themselves. The topics discussed included: protocol in the chain of custody to protect evidence; specific training for medical staff dealing with sexually abused victims; in the case of a child, the break down in communication between the schools and the appropriate agencies; the development of a steering committee to continue addressing issues; public education and awareness of sexual abuse; specific training for law enforcement personnel and the coordination of a medical/legal conference for further training and discussion by AACOG and TDHR. A Committee of representatives from the participating agencies at the Forum was formed to meet on a continuing basis. Though various concrete approaches toward solving these issues were produced, the participants felt continued discussion was necessary and that only through the unified efforts of police, medical, social and prosecutorial representatives could any successes be realized.



**David Reilly, TDHR listens attentively as Dr. Mary Guthrie of the Alamo Rape Crisis Center discusses one of the issues.**

## Texas Tops List of "Paying" States

The State of Texas tops the list of states which pay more taxes than they net in federal grants. In an article in the June issue of Nation's Cities Weekly by Clint Page, the State of Texas was ranked number one in the estimated federal tax burden per dollar of federal aid. Texas received \$3,719.8 million in FY'82 in federal assistance. The estimated tax burden for grants is \$5,900.2 million or \$1.59 tax burden per \$1.00 of aid.

Along with Texas, 19 other states paid more taxes than they received in federal grants. According to recent reports, federal grants to state and local governments dropped in 1982, largely as a result of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1982. And according to the Tax Foundation report, federal aid to state and local governments dropped \$7 billion from fiscal 1981 to fiscal 1982. The report states last years \$85.5 billion in grants was 7.6% below 1982's figure and 3.5% below 1980's \$88.6 billion.

Following Texas at the top of the list were Connecticut paying \$1.40 for every \$1.00 in grants; Florida, \$1.30; Kansas, \$1.29; Colorado, \$1.29; New Jersey, \$1.26; Indiana, \$1.23; Arizona, \$1.21 and Illinois \$1.21. At the other end of the scale is Vermont, where every grant dollar cost \$.57 in taxes. Mississippi also paid only \$.57 in taxes for each dollar grants; Maine, \$.60; Alaska, \$.61; South Dakota, \$.62 and New Mexico \$.69.

Taken together the 20 paying states sent the federal government \$47.7 billion in taxes to support federal grant programs and received \$39.1 billion in state and local aid, approximately \$1.22 per grant dollar; while the "receiving states" paid \$37.8 billion in federal taxes for the nearly \$46.4 billion in state and local aid they received, an average of \$.81 per dollar of aid. This report was released by the Tax Foundation, a non-profit, non-partisan research organization based in Washington, D.C. Federal legislation is the only means of more equitably distributing the federal tax burden for federal grants.

The Advisory Commission on Inter-governmental Relations (ACIR) anticipates a modest rebound for FY'83. Federal aid to states is expected to reach \$93.5 billion in FY'83.

## AACOG Summer Semi-Annual Meeting July 6

The Summer Semi-Annual Meeting of the Alamo Area Council of Governments is scheduled for July 6, 1983 at 1:30 p.m. in the AACOG 4th floor Conference Room, 118 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas. A documentary slide show outlining AACOG's programs and activities is scheduled to be shown during the business meeting. A cocktail reception, sponsored by the St. Anthony Inter-Continental Hotel will immediately follow the meeting.

This year's Summer meeting of over 90 member governments is highlighted by the presentation of awards which recognizes voluntary contributions made by private citizens. The honorees this year include, the former chairman of AACOG, Wilson County Judge, W. D. (Del) Cox; former Executive Committee members; former chairpersons of AACOG Advisory Committees, including Judge Carol Haberman, 45th District Court; as well as volunteers for the AACOG Weatherization Program. A Special Service Award will also be presented during the reception.

# Application Review Agenda

July 1983

## Regional Human Resources Advisory Committee

Committee meets: Thursday, July 21, 1983, 1:30 p.m., Three Americas Building  
Comments to: James M. Brandes by Wednesday, July 20

- 3-07-18-871      APPLICANT: National Coalition of Hispanic Mental Health and Human Services Organizations (COSSMHO)  
"Concerned Parents National Demonstration Project: A Prevention Model." To help prevent or reduce the incidence of adolescent premarital sexual activity, including adolescent pregnancy. Total Cost: \$537,305. Funding Agency: DHHS - \$361,393.  
Applicant: \$9,432. Other: \$166,480.
- 3-07-18-872      APPLICANT: Motivation, Education & Training, Inc.  
"Comprehensive Job Training and Employment Services for Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers." To provide skill training, vocational education, job placement and essential supportive services to seasonally employed agricultural workers and families. Total Cost: \$4,363,216. Funding Agency: DOL - \$4,363,216.
- 3-07-18-873      APPLICANT: Texas Department of Health  
"Public Drinking Water Supply Supervision Program." A program established to meet the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act (P.L. 93.523). Total Cost: \$3,259,026. Funding Agency: EPA - \$1,254,681. Applicant: \$1,247,355. Other: \$756,990.

## "Women: Making it Happen"

The Fourth Annual Women and Substance Abuse Prevention Workshop, entitled "Women: Making It Happen," will be presented at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1018 East Grayson, August 11, 1983 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The workshop is being sponsored by AACOG in association with The Task Force on Women, Alcohol/Drugs and The San Antonio Council on Alcoholism.

Registration at the door begins at 8:30 a.m. The opening welcome will be given by AACOG Executive Director, Al Notzon. Beginning at 9:15 a.m. the first of four presentations scheduled throughout the day will feature Cindy Barrett, chairperson, Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women presenting "Women Facing The Future." Barrett will discuss the role of the Commission in advising the San Antonio City Council on matters affecting women. And answer questions on the current status of women in San Antonio.

Other presentations include: Linda Ximenes, Community Relations Officer, Edgewood ISD, "It Won't Happen 'Til You Decide," an experiential session on how values help mobilize or immobilize decision-making and action-taking processes; Marcia Friedman, Director, Women and Prescription Drug Abuse Project, Charlton Methodist Hospital, Dallas, Texas, "Living Healthy in A Stressful World," a discussion of behavioral patterns that can lead to alcohol and drug abuse and alternative highs to chemical usage; and Polly Pistole, Partner Joint Efforts, "Solutions After Crisis," an exploration of solutions women commonly use in times of crisis, their effectiveness and alternative action strategies.

Ellen M. Waters, Substance Abuse Specialist, AACOG will give the closing remarks. Pre-registration is \$15.00. Registration at the door is \$18.00. The luncheon is included in the registration fee. To pre-register, contact the AACOG Substance Abuse Department, Coordinator Martha Reyes or Ellen Waters, 225-5201.

## AACOG Sponsors Construction Crime Prevention Course

In cooperation with Construction Crime Prevention Services, Inc. and San Antonio College, AACOG is sponsoring a special course on "Crime Prevention Techniques for the Construction Industry." This course, fully accredited by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education is open to all law enforcement officers without charge. Private firms wishing to enroll individuals responsible for crime prevention in their firms, must pay a \$20.00 fee per participant. First priority will be given to law enforcement officers who have primary crime prevention responsibilities within their departments.

The course will be held at the Alamo Area Law Enforcement Academy, 1517 North Main Street, on July 12th and 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and July 14th from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Some of the subjects to be included in the training are: Construction Crime Prevention Techniques: Residential/Multi-Family Construction Security; Highway/Utility Construction Security; Heavy Equipment Familiarization/Identification; Job Site Security Surveys; Theft in the Rental Industry and Implementation of a CP Program within a Construction Firm.

For more information contact Carlie Evans, AACOG Criminal Justice Coordinator, 225-5201.

## The Juvenile Restitution Program—A New Concept That's Working

Though taking responsibility for one's actions is not a new concept, allowing students to make restitution for their irresponsible and destructive behavior is. For the first time a coordinated school effort attempts to hold youth responsible and accountable for their actions with respect to the destruction of school property. This program is successfully diverting youth involved in school vandalism from further involvement with the Juvenile Justice System. In addition, the Restitution Program offers youths the opportunity to develop job skills and work experience through the participation in community service work. The program is also contributing to a reduced vandalism and theft rate in area public schools. Funding for this pilot program is provided by the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice through the Alamo Area Council of Governments. The Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department contracts with AACOG to administer the program. Working directly with the schools and students is Marjorie Martin, a Restitution Counselor.



**Marjorie Martin, Restitution Counselor discusses program with Penney Wolf, Assistant Coordinator, Volunteers in Probation.**

Martin joined the Juvenile Probation Department in November of 1982 to manage the pilot program. Prior to her work with the Restitution Program she was a social worker at the Bexar County Jail. Originally from New York, Martin has lived in San Antonio most of her life. She finds that the program is favorably accepted locally. Approximately nine school districts within and outside San Antonio are participating thus far. The restitution process gives school administrators an excellent vehicle for in-school administration of justice. If a young person has no income, community service within the school or outside the school is an alternative. Restitution Panels are being devised to assess damages and means of restitution. This alternative in-school process for dealing with acts of vandalism is viable when a decision has been made locally not to utilize the formal justice system.

According to Martin, though Volunteers in Probation (VIP) developed a community restitution program and the Public Service Restitution Program is still in existence neither one places the emphasis on school vandalism that the Juvenile Restitution Program does. Martin works exclusively in counseling students who have committed acts of vandalism against their schools.

Restitution may take the form of either monetary reimbursement or community service or a combination of the two. Juvenile offenders are placed in the community to work a certain number of hours depending upon the severity of their offense. Participating agencies and businesses where students may make restitution include: Lutheran General Hospital, San Antonio Public Libraries, American Red Cross, Goodwill Industries, Senior Community Services Inc., Bethel Day Care and the San Antonio Convention Center. Martin would like to see even greater community support especially by the business community. Several of the students in the program have been hired as full-time employees at their agencies of restitution.

Martin sees the program as a new beginning for the juvenile offender and an opportunity to make amends. With the continued support of all entities involved, she sees the program making a definite impact.

## Senior Nutrition Programs Now in All 12 Counties

Earlier this year Kendall County opened the Comfort Nutrition Site for Senior Citizens. This marked AACOG's goal to provide Senior Citizen nutrition services in all twelve counties in the AACOG region. It has not taken the Senior Citizens in our region long to surpass their goals. As of April 1, 1983 five new nutrition sites have opened their doors to Seniors in the rural areas.

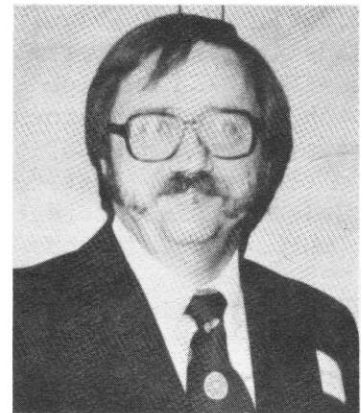
In Atascosa County the Lytle Senior Center and Nutrition Site is serving approximately 50 persons per day and the Jourdanton Senior Center/Nutrition Site is serving 40 persons per day. In Karnes County, the Falls City Senior Nutrition Site is serving 40 persons, two days a week. The Moore Senior Nutrition Program in Frio County, is serving 20 persons per day. And a second nutrition site in Kendall County is now in operation. The Boerne Senior Nutrition Program is serving 40 persons per day.

It is largely due to the dedicated individuals in the cities and counties working to make the Senior Citizen Programs the best they can be. County Judges, Commissioners, Mayors, City Councils, AACOG Sub-Contractors, Nutrition staff and devoted private citizens are all working together to accomplish their goals.

### AACOG Staff Certified

Four Human Resources staff members have been certified by the State of Texas to practice in the Social Work field. James Brandes, Director, Human Resources Division and Minnie Williams, Coordinator, Bexar Area Agency on Aging were given the additional distinction of Advanced Clinical Practitioners. Martha Reyes, Coordinator, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program and C. Gene Espree, Associate, Bexar Area Agency on Aging were the other staff so recognized.

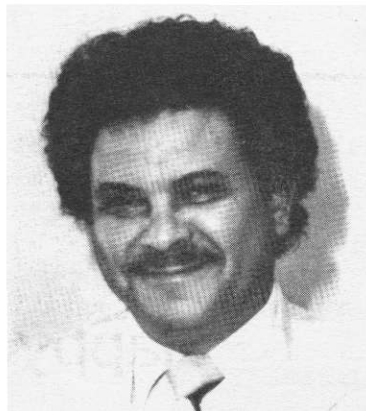
The continued certification of AACOG staff in various program areas enables the COG to better serve the growing needs of its members.



**Jim Brandes**



**Minnie Williams**



**C. Gene Espree**



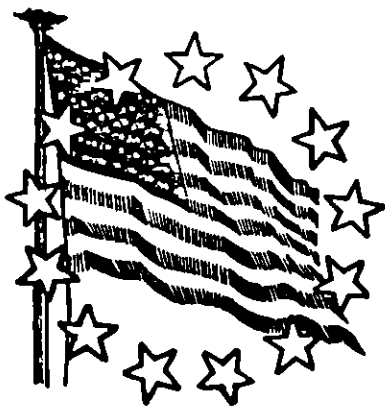
**Martha Reyes**



## ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

### CALENDAR OF TRAINING

COURSE	DATE	TIME	DAYS	LOCATION	FEES	INFO
Basic Peace Officers Course (320 hrs.)	Aug. 1 Sept. 23	8 am 5 pm	M-F	1517 N. Main (The Academy)	Paid by AACOG	225-5201
Advanced Basic Constable Training Course (60 hrs.)	Aug. 1 Aug. 24	6 pm 10 pm	M-TH	S.A.P.D. 214 W. Neuva	Paid by AACOG	225-5201
Advanced Basic Constable Training Course (60 hrs.)	Aug. 25 Sept. 23	6 pm 10 pm	M-TH	S.A.P.D. 214 W. Neuva	Paid by AACOG	225-5201
Juvenile Law/School/Law Penal Code Update (40 hrs.)	Aug. 8 Aug. 12	8 am 5 pm	M-F	1517 N. Main (The Academy)	Paid by AACOG	225-5201
First Line Supervision (40 hrs.)	Aug. 15 Aug. 19	8 am 5 pm	M-F	1517 N. Main (The Academy)	Paid by AACOG	225-5201
Emergency Driving School (24 hrs.)	Aug. 22 Aug. 24	8 am 5 pm	M-W	1517 N. Main (The Academy)	Paid by AACOG	225-5201
Advanced Firearms Course (40 hrs.)	Sept. 12 Sept. 16	8 am 5 pm	M-F	12135 Jarratt Rd. (Kings Range)	Paid by AACOG	225-5201
Basic Peace Officers' Course (320 hrs.)	Oct. 10 Dec. 2	8 am 5 pm	M-F	1517 N. Main (The Academy)	Paid by AACOG	225-5201
Emergency Driving School (24 hrs.)	Oct. 17 Oct. 19	8 am 5 pm	M-W	1517 N. Main (The Academy)	Paid by AACOG	225-5201
Emergency Driving School (24 hrs.)	Nov. 28 Nov. 30	8 am 5 pm	M-W	1517 N. Main (The Academy)	Paid by AACOG	225-5201



Happy 4th of July !

# Calendar

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held in Room 420, Three Americas Building, 118 Broadway, AACOG meetings are accessible to the handicapped person. To arrange for special assistance, call 225-5201 at least 24 hours prior to meeting.

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- Friday, July 1                    1983 Block Grant Hearings, sponsored by the Governor's Office  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon (see page 2)
  
- Wednesday, July 6                    Semi-Annual Meeting  
AACOG Conference Room 420, 118 Broadway, 1:30 p.m.  
  
Cocktail Reception  
St. Anthony Inter-Continental Hotel, 300 E. Travis
  
- Friday, July 8                    Bexar Senior Advisory, 10:00 a.m.
  
- Monday, July 11                    Wilson County Development Committee, 12:00 Noon  
Skarke's Cafe, Floresville
  
- Tuesday, July 12                    RADAAC Education Subcommittee, 1:00 p.m.  
Wittig Room, St. Mary's University
  
- Friday, July 15                    Alamo Senior Advisory Committee, 2:00 p.m.
  
- Tuesday, July 26                    Bexar Senior Advisory, 10:00 a.m.
  
- Wednesday, July 27                    Area Judges of the Alamo Consortium, 12:00 Noon  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1:30 p.m.
  
- To Be Announced                    Regional Development and Review Subcommittee
  
- To Be Announced                    Housing Advisory Subcommittee
  
- To Be Announced                    Open Space Advisory

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